

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Request For Continued Examination for the above-identified patent application.					
[]	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.				
[]	A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [] \$55.00 (248) [] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.				
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[X]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.				
[X]	Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [X] \$370.00 (279) [] \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).				
	[X] Applicant(s) previously submitted <u>an Amendment and Reply</u> , on <u>August 27, 2001</u> , for which continued examination is requested.				
[]	Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least _, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.				
[]	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.				
[X]	No additional claim fee is required.				

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[] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

		AMENDED	CLAIMS		
	No. Of CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$84.00 (102) =	
If Amendment adds mu	ltiple depende	ent claims, add \$280	0.00 (104)	*	
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is	· ·				
TOTAL ADDITIONA	L FEE DUE	FOR THIS AMEN	DMENT		-0± s

L	j	A claim fee in	the amount of \$	is enclosed
ſ	1	Charge \$	to Deposit Account N	o. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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